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Requisition: 9-02092
Jacket 540-645

BID OPENING: February 25, 2009

Bids shall be publicly opened at 11 A.M. prevailing Columbus, OH time on February 25, 2009. Submit bids to: U.S. Government Printing Office, Columbus Regional Printing Procurement Office, 1335 Dublin Road, Suite 112-B, Columbus, OH 43215-7034. FACSIMILE BIDS ARE ACCEPTABLE.

Any questions before or after award concerning these specifications, please contact Nancy Escher at (614) 488-4616, Ext. 20 or 412-334-3261 or nbednar-escher@gpo.gov. No collect calls.

SPECIFICATIONS

U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO)
1335 Dublin Road, Suite 112-B
Columbus, OH 43215-7034

FACSIMILE BIDS: Facsimile bids are permitted (see GPO Contract Terms, Pub. 310.2 (Rev. 6-01), Solicitation Provisions, "6. Facsimile Bids"). Submit facsimile bid to:
FAX: 614-488-4577, or FAX 614-488-9618.

OFFERS: Offers must include the cost of all materials and operations for the total quantity ordered in accordance with these specifications. In addition, a price must be submitted for each additional 1,000 copies. The price for additional quantities must be based on a continuing run, exclusive of all basic or preliminary charges and will not be a factor for determination of award.

GPO CONTRACT TERMS: Any contract which results from this Invitation for Bid will be subject to the applicable provisions, clauses, and supplemental specifications of GPO Contract Terms (GPO Pub. 310.2, effective 12/1/87, Rev. 6-01) and GPO Contract Terms, Quality Assurance Through Attributes Program (GPO Pub. 310.1, effective May 1979, Rev. 8/2002).

GPO CONTRACT TERMS IS AVAILABLE ON GPO WEB SITE AT

<http://www.gpo.gov/printforms/index.html>

NOTE: GPO Publication 310.2, GPO Contract Terms, Contract Clause 5. Disputes, is hereby replaced with the June 2008 clause found at www.gpo.gov/printforms/pdf/contractdisputes.pdf. This June 2008 clause also cancels and supersedes any other disputes language currently included in existing contractual actions.

GPO PUB. 310.1 IS AVAILABLE ON GPO WEB SITE AT

<http://www.gpo.gov/printforms/index.html>

REGULATIONS GOVERNING PROCUREMENT: The US Government Printing Office (GPO) is an office in the legislative branch of the United States Government. Accordingly, the Federal

Acquisition Regulation is inapplicable to this, and all GPO procurements. However, the text of certain provisions of the Federal Acquisition Regulation as contained in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), are referenced in this solicitation. The offeror should note that only those provisions of the Federal Acquisition Regulation which are specifically incorporated by reference into this solicitation are applicable.

PREAWARD SURVEY: In order to determine the responsibility of the prime contractor or any subcontractor, the Government reserves the right to conduct an on-site preaward survey at the contractor's/subcontractor's facility or to require other evidence of technical, production, managerial, financial, and similar abilities to perform, prior to the award of a contract.

PAYMENT: Submit all vouchers to: Comptroller--FMCE, Office of Financial Management, US Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20401.

TITLE: Protective Mask PMCS Check List

PRODUCT: These specifications cover the production of sets of cards printing face and back; laminating & drilling each set and binding with a metal ring.

QUANTITY: 400,002 sets

TRIM SIZE: 5 X 3" printed size; 5-3/8 X 3-3/8" laminated size.

NUMBER OF PAGES: 5 cards per set print face and back in 4-color process, bleed all sides.

GOVERNMENT TO FURNISH: CD containing ten TIFF files – one for each card face and one for each card back; each TIFF file is approx. 3MB ; bleeds not provided; sample of previous similar for construction.

The contractor is responsible for creating or altering any necessary trapping, setting proper screen angles and screen frequency, and defining file output selection for the imaging device being utilized. All furnished files must be imaged as necessary to meet the assigned quality level.

PREFLIGHT: The contractor shall preflight the furnished disk prior to image processing (i.e. verify completeness and presence of all components required to process image in accordance with the visuals provided such as fonts, graphic files, bleeds, trim size, etc.). It is further recommended that the contractor produce laser output or other acceptable digital proofing of files prior to imaging films/plates. Any discrepancies of the Government Furnished Materials (GFM) and these specifications, or instances of missing files, fonts, instructions, etc. are to be brought immediately to the attention of the GPO Contracting Officer prior to further performance.

Upon completion of the order, the contractor must return the final film negatives or final production native application files (digital deliverables) with the furnished material. The digital deliverables must be an exact representation of the final printed product and shall be returned on the same type of storage media as was originally furnished.

Identification markings such as register marks, commercial identification marks of any kind, etc., except GPO imprint must not appear on finished product.

CONTRACTOR TO FURNISH: All materials and operations, other than those listed under "Government to Furnish", necessary to produce the products in accordance with these specifications.

STOCK/PAPER: The specifications of all paper furnished must be in accordance with those listed herein or listed for the corresponding JCP Code numbers in the "Government Paper Specification Standards No. 12" dated February 2008. All paper used must be of a uniform shade.

JCP Code A18, Litho (Gloss) Coated Book, White, Basis Size 25 X 38", 70 lbs. per 500 sheets.

PROOFS: PRE-PRODUCTION SAMPLES:

The sample requirement for this contract is 1 printed/package set of cards. Sample must be constructed as specified using the form, ink, equipment, and methods of production which will be used in producing the finished product. Paper and package used for samples must be of the size, kind, and quality the contractor will furnish. Samples will be inspected and tested and must comply with the specifications as to kind and quality of materials and quality of reproduction.

Prior to the commencement of production of the contract production quantity, the contractor shall submit 1 packaged sample set to the address indicated under Distribution.

The package must be marked "PRE-PRODUCTION SAMPLE DO NOT DELAY"; and must include the GPO jacket #, dept. req # & form title.

The samples must arrive not later than March 9, 2009, to allow Government testing of the samples and production and shipment of the final product. The Government will approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove the samples within 3 workdays of the receipt thereof. Approval or conditional approval shall not relieve the contractor from complying with the specifications and all other terms and conditions of the contract. A conditional approval shall state any further action required by the contractor. A notice of disapproval shall state the reasons therefore.

If the samples are disapproved by the Government, the Government at its option may require the contractor to submit additional samples for inspection and test, in the time and under the terms and conditions specified in the notice of rejection. Such additional samples shall be furnished, and necessary changes made, at no additional cost to the Government, and with no extension in the shipping schedule. The Government will require the time specified above to inspect and test any additional samples required.

In the event the samples are disapproved by the Government, the contractor shall be deemed to have failed to make delivery within the meaning of the default clause in which event this contract shall be subject to termination for default, provided however, that the failure of the Government to terminate the contract for default in such event shall not relieve the contractor of the responsibility to deliver the contract quantities in accordance with the shipping schedule.

In the event the Government fails to approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove the samples within the time specified, the Contracting Officer shall automatically extend the shipping schedule in accordance with article 12 "Notice of Compliance with Schedules" of contract clauses in GPO Contract Terms (GPO Pub. 310.2, effective 12/1/87, Rev. 6-01).

Manufacture of the final product prior to approval of the sample submitted is at the contractor's risk. Samples will not be returned to the contractor. All costs, including the costs of all samples shall be included.

PRINTING/MARGINS/LAMINATING/COLLATING/BINDING: Each card prints face and back, head to head in 4-color process with heavy coverage and bleeds off all edges.

Each card to be laminated on both sides. Lamination thickness for one side to be a minimum of .009" and a maximum of .011" thick; overall thickness after laminating both sides to be a minimum of .028" and a maximum of .038" thick. Laminated cards are to have all four corners rounded to a radius of approximately 1/8", +/- 1/16". Rounded corners are not to obscure content.

Punch a 1/4" hole in the upper left corner of each card in the set, collate in proper sequence, and place on a 1/2" diameter, corrosive resistant, split ring per the sample set.

QUALITY ASSURANCE LEVELS AND STANDARDS: The following levels and standards shall apply to these specifications:

Product Quality Levels:

- (a) Printing Attributes - Level 3
- (b) Finishing Attributes - Level 3

Inspection Levels (from ANSI/ASQC Z1.4):

- (a) Non-destructive Tests--General Inspection Level I.
- (b) Destructive Tests ----- Special Inspection Level S-2.

Specified Standards--The specified standards for the attributes requiring them shall be:

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Specified Standard</u>
P-7. Type Quality and Uniformity	Approved Pre-Production Sample
P-10. Process Color Match	Approved Pre-Production Sample

PACKING: All packing and pallets MUST conform to MIL-STD-2073-1

(<https://packaging.tacom.army.mil/phst/SPI/05/67/19.pdf>). Labeling and Marking of exterior cartons to conform to MIL-STD-129 (will require barcoding).

(http://assist.daps.dla.mil/quicksearch/basic_profile.cfm?ident_number=35520). NOTE: Web sites listed are for general informational purposes and may not be up to date. It is the contractors responsibility to conform to the most recent versions of these Military Standards.

For BLUE GRASS ARMY DEPOT ONLY: Inner Packing: Pack each set in a 7 x 5", 2-mil plastic bag with zip lock, heat seal, staple or tape closure. Contractor to remove as much air as is practical from bag prior to closing.

For PINE BLUFF ARSENAL ONLY: No unit pack bag required. Bulk pack in cartons in quantities not to 100 card sets per shipping container. Care shall be taken when packing boxes to prevent tangling of cards that could result in damage.

PALLETIZING: Unitization: Shipments of identical items going to the same destination shall be palletized if they have a total cubic displacement of 50 cubic feet or more unless skids or other forklift handling features are included on the containers. Pallet loads must be stable, and to the greatest extent possible, provide a level top for ease of stacking. A palletized load shall be of a size to allow for placement of two loads high and wide in a conveyance. The weight capacity of the pallet must be adequate for the load. The pallet shall be a 40 x 48 inch, 4-way entry pallet although variations may be permitted as dictated by the characteristics of the items being unitized. The load shall be contained in a manner that will permit safe handling during shipment and storage.

Heat Treatment and Marking of Wood Packaging Materials: All non-manufactured wood used in packaging shall be heat treated to a core temperature of 56 degrees Celsius for a minimum of 30 minutes. The box/pallet manufacturer and the manufacturer of wood used as inner packaging shall be affiliated with an inspection agency accredited by the board of review of the American Lumber Standard Committee. The box/pallet manufacturer and the manufacturer of wood used as inner packaging shall ensure tractability to the original source of heat treatment. Each box/pallet shall be marked to show the conformance to the International Plant Protection Convention Standard. Boxes/pallets and any wood used as inner packaging made of non-manufactured wood shall be heat-treated. The quality mark shall be placed on both ends of the outer packaging, between the end cleats or end battens; on two sides of the pallet. . Foreign manufacturers shall have the heat treatment of non-manufactured wood products verified in accordance with their National Plant Protection Organization's compliance program. In addition, wood used as dunnage for blocking and bracing, to include ISO containers, shall be ordered with ALSC certified marking for dunnage or the markings may be applied locally at two foot intervals.

DISTRIBUTION: Deliver f.o.b. destination by traceable means to:

PRE-PRODUCTION SAMPLE: Douglas Vanatta; TACOM; AMSTA-LC-SBPI BLDG 62; 1
ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL; ROCK ISLAND, IL 61299-7630

Initial Shipment of 50,000 sets to each of the following no later than March 31, 2009:

XU Blue Grass Army Depot
Blue Grass Army Depot
431 Battlefield Memorial Highway
Richmond, KY 40475-5070
DODAAC: W22PVJ

XU W0K4 USA OSC
Pine Bluff Arsenal
Army Non Ammo Field Service Acct
53 990 507th Street
Pine Bluff, AR 71602-9500
DODAAC: W41CE8

For balance: 50,000 due April 30, 2009 and May 29, 2009 to each address; an additional 50,000 due June 30, 2009 and July 31, 2009 to Pine Bluff Arsenal Only. Total for each address: 150,000 to Blue Grass Army Depot and 250,000 to Pine Bluff Arsenal. At contractor's option, acceleration of these subsequent amounts may be made provided GPO is notified prior to shipping. This notification should contain Jacket Number, Quantity, Shipping Address (es) and date expected at destination. This information can be faxed to 614-488-4577 24 hours prior to shipping.

DEPARTMENTAL RANDOM COPIES (BLUE LABEL): Divided into 200 equal sublots. A random copy must be selected from each subplot. Do not choose copies from the same general area in each subplot. The contractor will be required to a statement furnished by GPO certifying that copies were selected as directed. The random copies constitute a part of the total quantity ordered, and no additional charge will be allowed. These randomly selected copies must be packed separately and identified by a special government-furnished blue label, affixed to each container. The container and its contents shall be recorded separately on all shipping documents and sent in accordance with the distribution list to the Department. A copy of the PURCHASE ORDER/SPECIFICATION and a signed Government-furnished certificate of selection must be included. A copy of the Government-furnished certificate must accompany the voucher sent to GPO for payment. Failure to furnish the certificate may result in delay in processing the voucher.

SCHEDULE: Adherence to this schedule must be maintained. See "Notice of Compliance with Schedules", in GPO Pub. 310.2. Furnished material will be available for pickup at the U.S. Government Printing Office, Columbus Regional Printing Procurement Office, Suite 112-B, 1335 Dublin Road, Columbus, OH 43215 by MARCH 2, 2009.

Unscheduled material such as shipping documents, receipts or instructions, delivery lists, labels, etc., will be furnished with the order or shortly thereafter. In the event such information is not received in due time, the contractor will not be relieved of any responsibility in meeting the shipping schedule because of failure to request such information.

RECEIPT FOR DELIVERY: The contractor must furnish their own receipts for deliveries. These receipts must include the GPO jacket number; total quantity delivered, number of cartons, and quantity per carton; date delivery made, and signature of the Government agent accepting delivery. The original copies of these receipts must accompany the contractor's voucher for payment.

RETURN OF FURNISHED MATERIALS: Return all Government Furnished Materials, negatives (if made), plus 2 sets after completion of order to:

DAPS; J. Sullivan (M/F 9-02092); 2530 Paul Jones St; Suite 100, Bldg 2A; Great Lakes, IL 60088. NOTE: Deliveries to this address MUST be made via FedEx, DHL, UPS or similar method due to increased security measures.

All expenses incidental to returning materials, submitting proofs and furnishing samples must be borne by the contractor.